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SUBJECT: ETHIOPIAN-BULGARIAN CULTURAL AGREEMENT

1. ETHIOPIAN MINISTER OF CULTURAL, SPORTS AND YOUTH AFFAIRS, DR. AKLILU HABTE AND BULGARIAN AMBASSADOR ANGEL TZANKOV SIGNED A PROTOCOL COVERING SCIENCE, EDUCATION, CULTURE, ARTS AND SPORTS FOR THEIR RESPECTIVE COUNTRIES ON JULY 22.

2. AT THE SIGNING CEREMONIES, DR. AKLILU NOTED THAT THE REVOLUTIONARY FIGHTERS AND DEMOCRATIC FORCES OF BULGARIA STOOD FOR THE CAUSE AND PRINCIPLES FOR WHICH THE ETHIOPIAN PEOPLE HAD FOUGHT AGAINST FASCISM. AMBASSADOR TZANKOV NOTED WITH SATISFACTION THAT LATERLY ETHIOPIAN-BULGARIAN RELATIONS "HAVE BEEN CONSIDERABLY ACTIVATED." HE ADDED, THAT APPROXIMATELY 40 BULGARIAN SPECIALISTS, MAINLY DOCTORS, ARE PRESENTLY IN ETHIOPIA. APPROXIMATELY 28 ETHIOPIAN STUDENTS ARE SCHEDULED TO ATTEND BULGARIAN "HIGHER INSTITUTES" THIS COMING YEAR AND APPROXIMATELY 60 ETHIOPIAN FUNCTIONARIES WERE STUDYING IN BULGARIAN COMMUNIST PARTY AND TRADE UNION INSTITUTIONS.

3. COMMENT: THE AGREEMENT CONSIDERABLY EXPANDS PREVIOUS UNCLASSIFIED

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CULTURAL AGREEMENTS BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES. END COMMENT.

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